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SUBJECT: CYPRIOT PRESS REVIEW

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1. SUMMARY: CYPRIOT PRESS EMPHASIZING UNGA EVENTS. GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS REPORTS HEAVILY ON SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH MAKARIOS, AND GOT FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL'S STATEMENT THAT MANY NATIONS AT UNGA CONSIDER TURKEY MUST MAKE TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS ON CYPRUS. GREEK CYPRIOTS SEE UNGA MOVES AS HELPING TO ISOLATE GOT INTERNATIONALLY. ARMS EMBARGO VOTE GETS MAJOR PLAY IN GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS; TONE SLIGHTLY MORE RESTRAINED THAN PRIOR TO PREVIOUS
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VOTES. ALL PAPERS PREDICTABLY CALL FOR MAINTENANCE OF EMBARGO

AS SIGNIFICANT FORM OF PRESSURE ON TURKEY.

BY CONTRAST, TURK CYPRIOT PRESS DOWNPLAYS UNGA, CAGLAYANGIL STATEMENT ON TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS, KISSINGER-MAKARIOS MEETING AND CONTROVERSIES OVER UDI AND DENKTASH LEADERSHIP. END SUMMARY.

2. GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS IN RECENT DAYS HAS EMPHASIZED UNGA ACTIVITIES. ALL PAPERS REPORT MAKARIOS' MEETINGS AND UNGA PARTICIPANTS' STATEMENTS IN MAJOR STORIES AND EDITORIALS AS SIGNIFICANT MOVES IN CYPRUS PROBLEM. UNGA ACTIVITIES GENERALLY PORTRAYED AS HELPING GREEK CYPRUS BY INCREASING INTERNATIONAL ISOLATION OF TURKEY. TONE OF SELF-CONGRATULATION, FOR EXAMPLE, COMES THROUGH IN REPORTING ON GOT FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL'S STATEMENTS TO TURKISH PRESS THAT MANY COUNTRIES ARE NOW PRESSURING TURKEY TO MAKE CONCESSIONS ON CYPRUS (ANKARA 7388). RADICAL INDEPENDENT ANAGENISIS OCTOBER 1 SAYS CAGLAYANGIL MAY HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTING PREPARE TURKISH PUBLIC OPINION FOR FUTURE CONCESSIONS; COMMUNIST HARAVGHI COMMENTS THAT INTERNATIONAL DEMANDS FOR CONCESSIONS ARE EVEN GREATER THAN CAGLAYANGIL ADMITS.

3. SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH MAKARIOS WELL PUBLICIZED. PRO-MAKARIOS PHILELEFTHEROS ECHOES MAKARIOS' POST-MEETING STATEMENT THAT U.S. CAN PLAY VERY IMPORTANT ROLE IN SOLVING CYPRUS PROBLEM AND AGREES THAT U.S. IN BEST POSITION TO BRING PRESSURE TO BEAR ON TURKEY. ALSO, SAYS, HOWEVER, THAT SECRETARY'S PRESS COMMENT AFTER MEETING RE U.S. READINESS PLAY ROLE, SHOWS HE REALIZES U.S. IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MUCH THAT HAS HAPPENED ON CYPRUS. FINALLY, PAPER ASKS U.S. TO FOLLOW COURSE WHICH WOULD BEST SERVE CAUSE OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN. PRO-CLERIDES AGON PICKS UP MAKARIOS' AND SECRETARY'S STATEMENTS, DECLARES U.S. INTENDS MEDIATE IN CYPRUS PROBLEM ONCE TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO LIFTED. INDEPENDENT ELEFTHEROS LAOS TAKES DIFFERENT LINE BY CHARGING THAT SECRETARY IS ATTEMPTING TO "BLACKMAIL" MAKARIOS TO ACCEPT SECRETARY'S CYPRUS "PLAN" BY ASSURING HIM THAT TURKS WILL WITHDRAW FROM PART OF TURKISH OCCUPIED AREAS OF CYPRUS ONCE ARMS EMBARGO IS LIFTED. IN FURTHER REACTION TO SECRETARY'S CYPRUS-CONNECTED ACTIVITIES, PRO-CLERIDIES ALITHIA SAYS SECRETARY IS "MANEUVERING AGAIN" IN ORDER TO GET ARMS EMBARGO LIFTED. SAMPSON'S RIGHT WING MAKHI CRITICIZES MAKARIOS FOR BAD TIMING OF HIS OWN UNGA SPEECH AND FOR "PRAISE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ING" U.S. EFFORTS IN THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. PAPER SAYS THIS GIVES IMPRESSION THAT MAKARIOS' FORTHCOMING UNGA SPEECH HAS BEEN WRITTEN BY SECRETARY.

4. RELATED STORY OF HIGH INTEREST IS UPCOMING VOTE ON TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO (S.2230). ALTHOUGH TENOR OF REPORTING IS SOMEWHAT LESS EMOTIONAL THAN BEFORE PREVIOUS VOTES, ALL PAPERS DEMAND MAINTENANCE OF EMBARGO AS PRESSURE ON TURKEY.

INDEPENDENT ELEFOTHEROS LAOS SAYS EMBARGO MUST CONTINUE OR ELSE TURKEY WILL BE EVEN MORE INTRANSIGENT ON CYPRUS ISSUE. ALL PAPERS HAVE PUBLISHED FACTS THAT BILL WOULD ONLY PARTIALLY LIFT EMBARGO AND THAT THERE IS 60-DAY REPORTING REQUIREMENT. CHANGE IN EXPECTATIONS ON EMBARGO VOTE BEST SEEN IN COMMUNIST HARAVGHI WHICH SAID SEPTEMBER 30 IT FEARS SOME CONGRESSMEN WILL SHIFT PREVIOUS VOTES IN ORDER LIFT EMBARGO, THUS FORGETTING LAW OF U.S. AND TURNING "SCALES IN FAVOR OF BILL SUBMITTED BY FORD WHICH SERVES INTERESTS OF NATO."

5. RIGHT-WING MESIMVRINI HAS CARRIED INTERESTING STORY (FBIS NC 301216Z) AS "SPECIAL DISPATCH" FROM ATHENS CORRESPONDENT SAYING UNEQUIVOCALLY THAT MAKARIOS HAS ACCEPTED BIZONALISM AND WEAK CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AS PART OF CYPRUS SOLUTION. STORY CLAIMS MAKARIOS MADE HIS ACCEPTANCE AT HELSINKI CSCE CONFERENCE IN MEETING WITH FRG CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT. THIS STORY NOT PICKED UP ELSEWHERE IN PRESS.

6. MAKHI CONTINUES EARLIER STORIES THAT U.K. PLANS "FOR FINANCIAL REASONS" ABANDON SBA'S IN FAVOR U.S. IN MAJOR STORY OCTOBER 1, MAKHI SAYS THAT U.S. WILL TURN SBA'S INTO NATO BASE AND THAT GOC HAS "SILENTLY" AGREED TO TRANSFER OF BASES.

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7. TURK CYPRIOTS PRESS: WITH USUAL MIX OF RHETORIC, INVECTIVE, AND SELECTIVE FACT, TURK CYPRIOT PRESS HAS DWELLED ON UDI, UN DEVELOPMENTS, SHOOTING OF TURK CYPRIOT FIGHTER BY UNFICYP SOLDIER, AND COMMUNITY POLITICS. IN WAKE OF REACTION TO UDI ISSUE, PRO-DENKTASH ZAMAN DEVOTES ENERGIES TO JUSTIFYING TFSC PRESIDENT DENKTASH'S REQUEST FOR UDI AUTHORITY, ATTACKING POPULAR PARTY AND OTHER ADMINISTRATION CRITICS, AND DOWN-PLAYING TURKS INABILITY PREVENT INCLUSION CYPRUS ISSUE ON UNGA AGENDA. ANTI-DENKTASH HELKIN SESI GIVES WIDE COVERAGE TO ACTIVITIES AND CHARGES OF DENKTASH CRITICS AND, IN SERIES OF JINGOIST EDITORIALS, ARGUES THAT NO TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS CAN BE GIVEN AND THAT GREEKS HAVE NO RIGHTS ON CYPRUS OR, FOR THAT MATTER, ON AEGEAN ISLANDS WHICH HAVE BELONGED TO TURKEY FOR "CENTURIES" AND WHICH ARE NATURAL EXTENSIONS OF ANATOLIAN LAND MASS. BOTH PAPERS CONSPICUOUSLY AVOID LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MENTION OF MAKARIOS/KISSINGER MEETINGS AND, WHILE REPORTING CAGLAYANGIL'S STATEMENT (ANKARA 7388) REGARDING WIDE INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FOR BIREGIONAL FEDERATION AND EQUALITY OF TURK CYPRIOT COMMUNITY, POINTEDLY OMIT HIS REMARK ON NEED FOR REASONABLE TERRITORIAL ADJUSTMENTS.
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